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Transactions on account of smallpox in northern Maine, Canadian border.

Reports of sanitary work in the Madawaska region.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hammond reports, through Surgeon McIntosh, as follows:

Week ended July 31, 1904: Number cases smallpox under supervision, 5; of these, previously reported, 5; new cases, 0; houses under quarantine, 2; persons vaccinated, 1; miles of territory covered, 60.

Week ended August 6, 1904: Number cases smallpox under supervision, 14; of these, previously reported, 3; new cases, 11; houses under quarantine, 2; persons vaccinated, 1; miles of territory covered, 100.

Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo, Tex.—Summary of work at Laredo and Nuevo Laredo—Mortality at Nuevo Laredo.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson reports, August 9 and 16, as follows:

During week ended August 13 fumigated Laredo; 36 houses containing 111 rooms, 3 cisterns made mosquito-proof, inspected 7,464 premises, oiled 1,632 water containers and 36 ponds. Maximum temperature, 102°. Rainfall, trace. Cock and outfit at work in Brownsville. MacGregor inspecting along line Texas-Mexican. Nuevo Laredo reports, 8 to 11; 2,228 domiciliary visits, 103 containers emptied, 26 oiled and 14 premises sanitated.

Mortality for Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, for two weeks ended August 6, 1904, as taken from the official register of that city.

July 25. Rheumatism, 1.
August 2. Gastro-enteritis, 1.

Conditions at Corpus Christi—Mortuary statistics.

Acting Assistant Surgeon MacGregor reports, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, as follows:

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX., *July 29, 1904.*

Everything is quiet here at present, the excitement over the case of scarlatina having subsided. My investigation to-day disclosed no new cases. All the cases of fever I have so far seen are of the remittent type. * * *

From May, 1903, to July 27, 1904, only 74 deaths are recorded for the entire county of Nueces, including the towns of Corpus Christi, Alice, Kingsville, and many small settlements. The above figures are obtained from the county, the city having kept no record for several years. The mayor informs me that the city has no city physician. The city ordinances are of ample power to meet any conditions that might arise, but for several years they have been a dead letter. There was a spasmodic effort to clean up, for a time, and some interest was shown in sanitary work, but at present what little work is done is the undertaking of individual citizens. I have been urging the mayor and members of the city council to have the ordinances covering sanitary

measures printed for immediate distribution, and recommended to them that a city health officer be appointed.

I drove over the main portion of the town to-day, and from the superficial observation I conclude that the town is in better sanitary condition than it was a month ago, but there is still room for a great deal of improvement.

I shall return to San Diego to-morrow morning, and there await further orders.

Certificates of deaths as reported to county clerk of Nueces County, Tex., for period May, 1903, to July, 1904.

1903:		1904:	
May	4	January	4
June	0	February	1
July	2	March	9
August	6	April	4
September	4	May	5
October	6	June	1
November	2	July	8
December	8		
Total	32	Total	32

Certificates are classified as to causes as follows:

Typhoid	1
Malaria	4
Heart failure	5
Various diseases	54
Total	64

Sanitary conditions at Alice and Kingsville.

SAN DIEGO, TEX., *August 9, 1904.*

Everything in a sanitary way is improving in this section. Alice is cleaning up, and although there are some cases of fever they are diminishing.

Corpus Christi has had an increase in the number of fever cases the past two weeks, but the citizens are making better efforts to clean up the town.

Some cases of malaria are reported at Kingsville, but general conditions are favorable there.

I shall go to Hebbronville and report on conditions at that point.

Mosquitoes are numerous in this section, but the people are making free use of oil, with good results.

Inspection of ranches on lower Rio Grande.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Cock reports, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, as follows:

HIDALGO, TEX., *August 2, 1904.*

My first inspection after leaving Rio Grande City was the Garcias ranch, population about 400. I found some malarial fever prevailing here. The citizens claim that last fall they had quite an epidemic of dengue.